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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (previously presented) A method for inhibition of pathological angiogenesis in a tissue prone to pathological angiogenesis and expressing α6β4 integrin, comprising the steps of exposing the tissue to a therapeutic agent effective to reduce the amount of active  $\alpha 6\beta 4$  integrin in the tissue, wherein the therapeutic agent targets and inhibits the signaling function of  $\beta 4$ , thereby inhibiting pathological angiogenesis.
- 2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the tissue is present in a living organism.
- 3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the living organism is human.
- 4. (canceled)
- The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent is an 5. (previously presented) antibody.
- 6. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent is an RNAi species.
- 7. (previously presented) A method for treatment of a disease condition associated with pathological angiogenesis in a patient, comprising the step of administering to the patient an amount of a therapeutic agent effective to reduce the amount of active  $\alpha6\beta4$  integrin, wherein the therapeutic agent targets and inhibits the signaling function of \beta 4 thereby inhibiting pathological angiogenesis.

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- 8. (previously presented) The method of claim 7 wherein the patient is human.
- 9. (previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the therapeutic agent is an antibody.
- 10. (withdrawn) The method of claim 8, wherein the therapeutic agent is an RNAi species.
- 11-14. (canceled)
- 15. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the therapeutic agent is an antibody.
- 16. (withdrawn) The method of claim 7, wherein the therapeutic agent is an RNAi species.
- 17. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the therapeutic agent is an antibody.
- 18. (withdrawn) The method of claim 3, wherein the therapeutic agent is an RNAi species.
- 19. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent is an antibody.
- 20. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent is an RNAi species.
- 21. (new) A method for inhibition of pathological angiogenesis in a tissue prone to pathological angiogenesis and expressing  $\alpha6\beta4$  integrin, comprising the steps of exposing the

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tissue to an antibody that targets and inhibits the signaling function of  $\beta 4$ , thereby inhibiting pathological angiogenesis.

- 22. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein the tissue comprises one or more chosen from the group consisting of: human papillary thyroid carcinoma, breast adenocarcinoma, prostate carcinoma, lung carcinoma, glioblastoma multiforme, melanoma, and lymphoma.
- 23. (new) The methods of claim 21 wherein the antibody targets the C-terminal end of  $\beta$ 4, wherein the C-terminal end begins at amino acid residue 1355.